





## THE WEATHER

Forecast: Fair.

Weather synopsis: A barometric ridge extending from the Balkans to the East Mediterranean is causing an inflow of cold dry air.

	Yesterday's Maximum	Yesterday's Minimum	Today's Forecast
Jerusalem	24	4-9	3-9
Golan	33	4-9	3-9
Nahariya	42	4-9	3-9
Safed	31	4-9	3-9
Safed Port	39	4-9	3-9
Tiberias	25	4-9	3-9
Nazareth	24	4-9	3-9
Afula	24	4-9	3-9
Shomron	22	4-9	3-9
Tel Aviv	30	6-16	5-17
Lod Airport	17	6-16	5-17
Jericho	17	6-16	5-17
Gaza	38	6-16	5-17
Beerseba	32	6-16	5-17
Blot	32	6-16	5-17
Tiran Straits	48	14-21	13-21

## Social and Personal

Norwegian Prime Minister Lars Korvald called yesterday at the Knesset on Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu.

Mr. and Mrs. Neville Burston of London yesterday visited the Weizmann Institute of Science and were received by Prof. Israel Dostrovsky, acting president of the Institute. On Friday Prof. Maurice Zermakian, professor of history at the University of Geneva, and Baron and Baroness Alain de Gunzburg of Paris visited the Weizmann Institute.

West German Ambassador Jesco von Puttkamer has presented Mr. Fritz A. Lewinson with the Order of the Cross of the Federal President, First Class.

Mr. Pierre Gildesgame and members of the International Maccabi Games Committee from abroad were the guests of Mr. Menachem Savidor, chairman of Maccabi Israel, and Mrs. Savidor at a weekend reception at their Tel Aviv home.

Prof. John Nurnberger, chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Indiana School of Medicine, will lecture on "Behavioral Analysis of Depression" at the Jerusalem Mental Health Centre - Ezerath Nashim, Givat Shaul, Jerusalem, tomorrow, at 12.30 p.m.

Those interested in contacting the A.A.C.I. Haifa, in connection with the golden wedding celebration of Samuel and Bertha Blackman are requested to phone 87140 — and not as published earlier.

## Norway's Premier leaves after private visit

LOD AIRPORT. — Norway's Prime Minister Lars Korvald left Israel yesterday after a week's private visit, during which he met with Premier Golda Meir, other Cabinet ministers — and "the man in the street."

Speaking to Itim, Mr. Korvald said, "I particularly appreciated the opportunity to meet and talk with people in kibbutzim, factories and schools. It was good to get out and meet the people." The Prime Minister was accompanied on his trip by his wife and two sons.

Mr. Korvald expressed his relief that the Bangkok hostage affair ended without bloodshed, and said he was leaving the country with the hope that Israel would achieve "a durable peace within secure borders."

Before leaving yesterday, Mr. Korvald was received at the Knesset by speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu. (Itim)

## Judge tells police to 'wake up'

TEL AVIV. — A judge wiped out charges against a suspect burglar yesterday after the police failed for two full years to bring the man to court.

District Court Judge Benjamin Cohen said he took the step "to wake up the police." He declared he would do the same in other cases in which the police fail to do their job.

The suspect, Shlomo Aknin, 20, was charged exactly two years ago yesterday with breaking into a Shapiro quarter flat in Tel Aviv and stealing a transistor radio. Repeated summonses to appear in court were sent him, but Aknin never showed up.

Complaining at the police's seeming inability to enforce the orders, Judge Cohen said that clearing Aknin might "perhaps awaken the police from their slumber. Not only do they not execute (court) orders, they don't even report," he said.

The Judge ordered the verdict to be transmitted to the chief of police in the area where the crime took place. (Itim)

Emergency Regulations expire  
Ikrit, Bir'im closed  
by army order now

By ASHER WALLFISH

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Christian Arab villagers of Bir'im and Ikrit in Galilee, who were expelled after the 1948 War of Independence, will continue to be barred from returning by an army order that took effect at midnight last night.

The Cabinet yesterday voted to have the two villages maintained as a closed area — not by virtue of the (Israeli) Emergency Regulations of 1948, but by virtue of the (British) Mandatory Defence Regulations of 1945.

The 1948 Emergency Regulations (Security Zones) expired last night. The Knesset had voted not to re-extend them because the former closed-off zones were mostly areas along the pre-1967 borders which no longer have any security importance. Bir'im and Ikrit were among those security zones.

The device used to keep Bir'im and Ikrit's former inhabitants from returning — the issue of an order of closure by the O/C Northern Command — has not been applied in the case of other areas which were previously security zones under the now-expired Emergency Regulations.

Attorney-General Meir Shamgar told newsmen yesterday that Bir'im and Ikrit were kept closed off for reasons of State security which justified the employment of the 1948 Defence Regulations.

Mr. Shamgar said the situation along the border with Lebanon constituted a short-term security consideration and required that the villagers be barred from going back. There was also a long-term consideration, he said, which postulated that only Jewish villages should exist along Israel's borders. Security considerations were not discussed in the Cabinet.

In the Cabinet, Premier Meir said yesterday that the former among the Bir'im and Ikrit villagers must be still once and for all. If they should return, he said, a grave precedent would be set with implications for other Arab evacuees moved from their villages in 1948 and 1949.

The Cabinet did not discuss the entire problem of the two villages, but merely the legal device of using an army order which is not subject to parliamentary review and is not limited in time — unlike the situation which prevailed till last night.

Tourism Minister Moshe Kol, Ambassador Meir Peled, Health Minister Victor Shemtov, Religious Affairs Minister Zerah Warhaftig and Welfare Minister Michael Hazani pointed out that a law was being applied to only two places in the entire country, creating the impression of an invidious distinction. They did not suggest letting the villagers back now, but they urged that the permits allowing them to cultivate lands, to pray in their churches and to bury their dead in the local cemetery be of indefinite validity.

The five ministers — two of Mapam (Peled and Shemtov), two of the N.R.P. (Warhaftig and Hazani) and one of the I.L.P. (Kol) — said it was better to continue using the (former) Emergency Regulations than the British Defence Regulations.

(At the weekly press briefing on Cabinet affairs, official sources gave

correspondents the impression that the Cabinet voted unanimously to approve the introduction of the army order of closure. There was no indication from official sources that any ministers opposed.)

The Prime Minister's Office had been irritated a fortnight ago by protest meetings and prayers at the two villages, and had then "healed" warnings to the press that the army would close the areas off by order. But this development had actually been announced last July by Defence Minister Moshe Dayan in the Knesset. Mr. Dayan later gave details to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, which

had then had the privilege of reviewing the security zones again from time to time. (It will no longer have that power.)

The use of 1948 Defence Regulations changes nothing on the ground in the two villages. The former villagers will still get permits to hold various activities there in the daytime. They may not spend the night there or take up residence in Bir'im or Ikrit.

Mr. Shamgar told the press that punishment for infringement of the 1948 Defence Regulations was somewhat more severe than for infringement of the 1948 Emergency Regulations with respect to closed-off areas.

The head of the Bir'im committee, Ayub Madsame, yesterday described the order closing the area as "a burning insult to the (former) inhabitants of Bir'im, who have proved their loyalty to the State since its foundation." He doubted whether the villagers would enjoy the support of Deputy Prime Minister Yigal Alon, Government Arab affairs adviser Shmuel Toledo or other "reliable political parties" if there were anything to the security considerations used to justify the closure order.

Meanwhile, it was learned in Haifa that the committee of the Bir'im village evacuees plans to hold a "New Year's" meeting next Saturday in the church of the abandoned village. Several hundred invitations have been sent out to persons all over the country. It is not yet clear whether they will get a permit for the meeting.

Cabinet blasts latest action  
State to file charges  
against J.D.L. chief

Jerusalem Post Staff

The State Attorney is to bring criminal charges against Jewish Defence League leader Meir Kahane and ex-I.L.P. officer Amihai Paglin for their part in an arms-smuggling attempt, allegedly perpetrated in September. Senior Justice Ministry sources told The Jerusalem Post that the finishing touches were now being put to the file, after which the decision would be taken to bring court proceedings.

Rabbi Kahane, Mr. Paglin, and several J.D.L. "lieutenants" were suspected of trying to smuggle out the arms for use in fighting Arab terrorists in Europe.

Meanwhile, the Cabinet has asked the Attorney-General to check whether legal action should be brought against the J.D.L. for their latest action — sending letters to Arabs and Druse suggesting that they leave Israel.

The Cabinet yesterday condemned the letters, calling them offensive and irresponsible.

(Rabbi Kahane said a fund had already been set up to pay travel expenses for Arabs and Druse wishing to emigrate — but it advised applicants to hurry and apply "because first come — first served.")

A communiqué issued after the meeting said the Cabinet "totally rejected and condemned the League's circular letter in spirit as well as



UNDERPASS. — Traffic on Tel Aviv's Derech Haifa flows along bypass lanes as work starts on a pedestrian underpass at the Yarkon Bridge. The underpass will make it easier for residents of the Shikma Bavi quarter to get out to the rest of the city. (Camera 18)

Most lavish ever  
New Year's Eve

By MARK SEGAL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The most lavish and gayest New Year's Eve celebrations ever seen in recent years took place here last night. An estimated 11.5 million pounds changed hands at festivities encompassing more people than ever before in Israel.

Hotels, banquet halls, restaurants, and theatre halls were bustling and

impressive, performing, instrument-ists, and the other elements that make up the entertainment industry reported high takings for the evening. Some local entertainers earned up to 115,000 during the evening.

Much larger sums in foreign currency went to the big foreign names like "The Platters," who provided the special feature at the Tel Aviv Hilton's 11.125 per plate evening and Enrico Massias, who packed the Mann Auditorium to capacity in a 11.5 per seat midnight show.

Observers here said Ditzengoff

dependence Day Eve — it was crammed full of young people, singing, dancing and just milling around. (Many of them were probably waiting for the midnight shows to begin in local districts.)

Unlike previous years the New Year's Eve public celebrations were not restricted to the big hotels and a few Tel Aviv halls.

They spread out to Jaffa, Holon and Ramat Gan. The streets of the wedding-hall-miracle halls throughout Tel Aviv were packed with people who were being entertained by large floor shows and popular performers.

Former Rumanian immigrants came to enjoy themselves at Beit Yehuda Beasaraia in the outlying Maoz Aviv Quarter for what was advertised as "the most elegant Sylvester party of the year" while others went to "grandiose Sylvester eve" of Oriana, folk song at the cavernous sports palace in the Yehuda Eliyahu quarter. There was also a basoold performer plus local favorites at "a Mediterranean Sylvester eve" at the Noga cinema in Jaffa.

In Haifa, the coastal police in the port last night reinforced patrols to assist unsteady sailors returning from New Year's celebrations ashore. The 34 freighters in the port and in the bay sounded the traditional long blast of their sirens to welcome the new year in at midnight.

Yadlin welcomes  
Mapam decision

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Secretary-General of the Labour Party, Aharon Yadlin, has welcomed Mapam's decision to remain in the Labour Alignment. He said he was pleased "not to have heard the union would split" more votes — the contrary was possible — but because the creation of large political blocs able to assume the responsibility of government would reduce the fighting between parties with similar ideologies and would benefit the country.

Mr. Yadlin, who was speaking at the Engineers Club on Friday, hoped that Gahal, too, would remain united.

Man dies in  
suspicious  
factory fire

TEL AVIV. — A factory worker died of smoke poisoning in a fire yesterday at a cotton wool plant here. The owner of the plant, at 46 Rehov Salameh, says the fire was deliberately set.

The worker, Sussu Rajah, of Ramat, had climbed to the top floor of the building to warn of the fire shortly after it broke out at 5.50 p.m. When he did not return, firemen — who had meanwhile arrived with four fire engines — went inside and found him lying unconscious. Rajah was taken by private car to Donolo Hospital in Jaffa but was dead on arrival. The body was transferred to the Abu Khatir Institute for Forensic Medicine. Rajah, 38, leaves eight children.

The firemen, who had expected a bigger blaze, had the smoke fire out within two hours. The owner of the plant told police yesterday he had seen several unidentified persons throw Molotov cocktails at the building and then run off. He showed police what he said was one of the missiles, a bottle half-full of petrol. Police said last night they suspected a business dispute lay behind the fire in the third-floor factory. (Itim)

Manila troops  
kill 40 at  
Moslem camp

MANILA. — Government troops assaulted a Moslem training camp in Southern Zamboanga Del Norte province last week, killing off insurgents, the Department of Information announced.

There was no mention of government casualties. Since the campaign to collect unregistered firearms touched off fighting between the armed forces and rebellious Moslems in the Southern Philippines in September, the government has reported 83 of its troops and more than 100 Moslems killed.

Armed Forces Chief Gen. Romeo Espino said a second training camp in the Sulu Archipelago south of Zamboanga City also was raided, but gave no details.

The Government announced on Tuesday that President Ferdinand Marcos had taken a ship to the south to inspect the situation. But informed sources said the President appeared yesterday in his home province of Ilocos Norte, 400 kms. north of Manila, to attend a celebration given by his sister, the governor of the province.

There was speculation that the announcement of the trip to the south was "intended to mislead would-be assassins." (AP, UPI)

Last-minute effort  
to avert strikes in  
hospitals, services

Jerusalem Post Staff

The Cabinet yesterday appealed to the country's 30,000 engineers and technicians to call off tomorrow's one-day warning strike and to resume wage negotiations. The engineers are threatening to disrupt the nation's water, electricity, telephone, radio and television services unless their demands for pay raises are met.

Attempts were also being made late last night to avert a threatened strike by Government hospital and service administrative personnel tomorrow.

A last effort to avert the engineers' strike is to be made this morning at a meeting with a Ministerial committee set up to deal with the dispute, consisting of Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir, Labour Minister Yosef Almogi and Transport Minister Shimon Peres.

The Government is falling back on a compromise formula, which was agreed upon in principle last night at a meeting in Tel Aviv between Finance Minister Sapir and the Union of Humanities and Social Science graduates.

The Government had accepted the engineers' claim for a wage rise of 34 per cent. But the engineers also wanted to add three or four more grades at the top, and give the top grade a 70 per cent increase, as compared with the existing top grade. The lower ranges would receive only a small rise.

This was rejected both by the Government and the Histadrut on the grounds that the widening of the differential would destroy the wage system. The Civil Servants' Union also made it clear it would tear up its own wage agreement and insist on re-negotiation along any lines achieved by the engineers.

The compromise formula suggested by Mr. Sapir reportedly offers that engineers' wages be raised to the level of the lower grades, but not to add any new grades at the top.

Compromise bid  
in Technion  
students dispute

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Technion's Senate last night decided to refer to its steering committee, for further discussion, the compromise proposal put forward by the chairman of the Students Union to settle the dispute with the 2,000 first and second year students, who study under the credit system.

Under the proposal "second chance" examinations were to be granted to students who fail in any subject in the end of semester examinations, provided their level of study during the semester was satisfactory.

After a "long and exhaustive" discussion, during which several members spoke in favour of the compromise, the Senate decided to refer the matter to the steering committee for further study.

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Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — A group of Nahariya won a thank-you gift to the Technion from shopkeepers by here Friday.

The women, mainly in said they wanted to show gratitude for the King's freeing the six Israeli held by Arab terrorists in Ba Thursday.

The initiative for the up campaign came from Mrs. Sokomon of Rehov HaShah, explained that she had to sleep when she heard a siren attack. When she heard morning that the has been freed, she thought a gift to the King. "I was women what they thought was, and we went out to see said.

B.Z. Goldb  
laid to rest

TEL AVIV. — New York writer and journalist Ben Berg, who died here on Feb. 78, was laid to rest yesterday in the section of the Knesset Cemetery.

Histadrut Secretary-General Ben-Aharon paid respects at the funeral piling with sadness that Gold died while on a visit here to his organization. The ceremony at Beth Shalom-Alchalem director Avraham Liss rec- berg's role as writer for paper "Day-Jewish Morning in New York and how he on the mission of his fa Shalom-Alchalem.

Among those who delivered at the graveside were treasurer Yehoshua Yavi Y'sacov Amit of "Al H for which paper Goldber U.S. correspondent, "Ka reified by Goldberg's Mitchell Weiss.

The Grand Lodge of the State of Isra  
of Ancient Free and Accepted Mason

deeply mourns the death of

## Bro. HARRY S TRUMAN

A Noble and Devoted Mason  
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri and  
Representative of the Freemasons of Israel

A TRUE FRIEND OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

I mourn the death of

## ABRAHAM JOSHUA HESCH

Meyer Machlis

a reader of his book "MAN IS NOT ALONE"

On the first anniversary of the death of our beloved

## Dr. ISAAC ALFANDARY

a memorial assembly will be held on Wednesday, Janua at Beit Harfoe, 2 Sderot Wingate, Haifa.

Askara at his graveside on the 22 2.30 p.m. at the Kfar Samir

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THE UNITED STATES CULTURAL CENTER,  
in cooperation with  
THE ISRAELI MUSEUM,  
announces a slide-illustrated lecture on

## "THE FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT I KNEW"

by New York architect Edgar Tafel.

on Monday, January 1, at 8.30 p.m. at the Israeli Museum

Moadon Haoleh

Jerusalem

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## SEMINARS FOR OLIM

PROGRAMME

Tuesday: January 2

Forum

A CITIZEN OF JERUSALEM

Lecture by Yair Goren

A personal story: the character of the city before the Six Day War; the citizens of Jerusalem; the emotional experience when the city was united. These and related questions will be discussed.

Mondays: January 8, 15, 22, 29

Study group

MUSIC IN ISRAEL (with recordings)

Lecturer: Moshe Kula, Choral and Orchestra Director  
Size of class limited. Advance registration recommended.

Tuesdays: January 9, 16, 23, 30

Lecture series

ISRAEL'S FOREIGN RELATIONS

Lecturer: Mr. Pinchas Eliav of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.  
Full details in the Moadon Haoleh Bulletin. All sessions at 8.30 p.m.

Markish, Kotler get  
journalism awards

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — David Markish, son of the Yiddish poet Peretz Markish, who was killed in the Shalom purge, and Yair Kotler, senior "Ha'aretz" reporter, were yesterday awarded the annual Sara Reichman Prize for outstanding journalism, at a ceremony held at Beit Sokolow here.

Mr. Markish was given his share of the 11,500 award for his autobiography, published in installments in "Ma'ariv." Mr. Kotler, for his series of critical articles on the handling of the emergency at Lod Airport on the night of the massacre by Japanese terrorists.

The jury comprised Tamar Avidar of "Ma'ariv," Zvi Meron of "Ha'aretz," and Moshe Ishon of "Ha'aretz."

התאחדות העובדים



## Doctors and Kupat Holim gin to talk on settlement

By MACABEE DEAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Supreme Court in Jerusalem cancelled a temporary injunction issued two months ago by the District Court which had ordered Kupat Holim to return to work. The cancellation followed a compromise agreement between the doctors and Kupat Holim. At this agreement, both sides met to settle their outstanding differences in an "amicable manner." Should they fail, the doctors have the right to declare a work dispute and go out on strike. Should such a strike take place, the doctors would have the right to go to court to plead their case. The court was composed of five judges with Justice Sussman presiding.

Kupat Holim doctors went to court to protest the appointment of Asher Tadmor as Director of Kupat Holim. The doctors claimed a physician should be appointed to the post. Tadmor, head of the Holim Doctors' Association, was appointed after the Supreme Court hearing that the doctors would now revert to their old position, namely that an "amicable" settlement must be acceptable to both Kupat and the doctors. The doctors are adamant in their demand that Tadmor be replaced. But they do not want widespread administrative reforms to be undertaken.

## Gives birth after kidney transplant

TEL AVIV. — A 25-year-old woman underwent a kidney transplant and gave birth to a 1.9 kg. girl at Yofe Hospital here last night. Both mother and child are well. The woman, from Pardes Hanna, first patient with a transplanted kidney to give birth in Israel, said she was at the hospital for 12 hours after the birth. She had been followed carefully after conception to ensure neither the fetus nor the transplanted kidney would be harmed. The woman, at the beginning of her ninth month, began to show pains, the doctors decided to deliver the child by Caesarean section, using a local anesthetic. The operation took 35 minutes and was without complications. The kidney was also examined and found to be functioning normally. The woman was the 17th patient to receive a kidney transplant at the hospital. (Him)

## 'Palate cancer and 'reverse smoking' linked

TEL AVIV. — Smoking with the end of a cigarette or in the mouth (common in some countries) — causes a high incidence of cancer of the palate, according to a study by Danish pathologist, Dr. Jens Pinborg, in a lecture to dentists attending the convention of the Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity in Jerusalem. The convention passed a resolution to raise funds for the U.S., U.K. and France — Russian dentists with their own absorption in Israel. 12,000-member Alpha Omega Society, was instrumental in establishing the Hebrew University of Dentistry in 1953.



TEL AVIV. — The Hebrew University of Dentistry in Jerusalem, which was last week awarded the Achievement Medal of the Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity, which ended its five-day convention in Jerusalem yesterday. (Braun)

JERUSALEM youngsters will partake of a Lamed-Ha relay race, marking the anniversary of the 35th anniversary of the Bnei Brak relief effort. The relay race will begin at Har Herzl at 12:30 p.m. and end at 35 kilometers later at Netiv HaLamed-Ha, in memory of the fallen.



Commerce Minister and former Chief of Staff Bar-Lev acts as a witness at the trial of a Syrian-organized spy-ring case. The trial is now in its final stages; it has been speeded up as the suspects cannot be held for longer than two 15-day remand periods before formal charges are filed in court. When the charges are filed, the police will ask the court to extend the detention orders until the start of the trial.

## Changes made in T.A.-Bat Yam bus transport

TEL AVIV. — Pressure on Dan's controversial No. 25 bus line is to be relieved by the establishment of the new No. 10 line, running from the centre of town to the Bat Yam city limits.

A line to Bat Yam, No. 7, was abolished when the No. 25 route was lengthened recently. Following an early morning ride on the No. 25 line two weeks ago, Deputy Transport Minister Gad Ya'acoby and Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz took another ride yesterday. While they had found service on the line running from Ramat Aviv to Bat Yam satisfactory the first time, they now tended to agree with the many angry commuters who complained of overcrowding and long waits at bus stops. The 76 sq. ft. bus from Bat Yam into Tel Aviv was also resented.

Meanwhile the Transport Ministry announced yesterday the establishment of a commission to set service standards in public transportation. The commission will survey the requirements of urban lines and set minimum standards for the number of buses and the frequency of service.

Composed of three senior Ministry staffers, the commission is to report to the Director-General once a month. Methods of enforcing its standards are also to be discussed.

## Health seminar discusses crisis in medical care

BEERSHEVA. — Giving the patient "a deep sense of control over his own destiny" was termed a primary objective of health services by participants at a session of the Batheva Seminar on Health Administration and Economics, held at the University of the Negev here on Friday.

Prof. S.J. Ashrod of the University of Michigan's School of Public Health told the international seminar that today's public wants to know why medical care should be left exclusively in the hands of the physician. He said the question reflects the growing dissatisfaction with medical care as it exists today.

Mr. Gideon Ben-Yisrael of the Labour Ministry pinpointed the problem as the relationship between patient and doctor. Clinics are overcrowded, he said, and the patient is "only a number." He said patients should have the right to choose among several medical care programmes.

The only woman participant from abroad, Prof. Gerry A. Johnson of Boston University, said the best method for determining the need for health manpower was by systems analysis. "It should be possible to identify all kinds of needed services for preventive, curative, rehabilitative and maintenance care, and to match these with the objectives and services that will best service society," she said.

## Red Cross men visit prisoners

JERUSALEM. — Red Cross delegates in Israel and the Arab countries paid visits to prisoners of war in the past five weeks, the latest newsletter of the International Committee for the Red Cross (ICRC) reports.

The 10 Israeli POWs in the Abnasyeh military prison in Egypt were visited on November 30. Two days later the ICRC delegate in Syria visited two Israeli prisoners.

The third, who was reported sick on that date, was seen a week later. On November 28 the ICRC delegates in Israel saw 112 Arabs in Tadmor — 61 Egyptians, 41 Syrians, and 10 Lebanese. On November 30 five Syrian prisoners were also visited.

The newsletter does not mention the condition of the prisoners. As is usual with ICRC visits, no witnesses were present at any of the meetings.

## Court order in case of dying immigrant

A 32-year-old woman from France, dying of cancer in a Jerusalem hospital, was yesterday the subject of an order nisi issued by the High Court of Justice.

The order, issued upon the application of the woman's brother Yitzhak Haski, calls on the Minister of Interior to show cause within 14 days why he should not grant the woman immigrant status.

According to Mr. Haski, his sister arrived in Israel 11 days ago and was admitted to the French General Hospital in Jerusalem. He said she is suffering from cancer and is not expected to live much longer.

Mr. Haski said the immigration authorities refused to grant his sister an immigrant's card unless he signed a declaration waiving all immigrant rights on her behalf. This was a "discriminatory" ruling, he claimed, since there would be no question as to her eligibility to these rights had she been in good health.

## Kibbutz Hulata fishing violators freed and warned

JERUSALEM. — Three members of Kibbutz Hulata, arrested on Saturday for fishing illegally in the Hula Nature Reserve, were released by the police at midnight Saturday. Four others, arrested with them, had been released earlier.

Some 1,000 kgs. of St. Peter's fish, confiscated by the police, was sold to Tiberias fishermen. The money was donated to the Nature Reserves Authority.

Yesterday, members of the kibbutz Secretariat met with the head of the Authority, Avraham Yofe, the chairman of the Upper Galilee District Council, Moshe Himmeli, and Safad Police Chief Sgan-Nitzav Alexander Trifon to discuss the incident.

Sgan-Nitzav Trifon told the kibbutz representatives the police considered the illegal fishing a criminal offence.

Mr. Yofe offered to withdraw the charges and ask police to close the file against the kibbutz members — provided Hulata undertakes in writing not to permit its members to enter the nature reserve.

The secretaries asked for a day's time to put the offer to a vote before the kibbutz general assembly.

## German-Israeli firm offers 'package deal' to exhibitors

HAIFA. — A large new plan for the design and production of exhibition stands and furniture for hotels and institutions, Bitanin, has been opened in the Kiryat Bialik Industrial Zone. The U.S.-German partnership between a German firm for exhibition stands, Carlin and Tubiana of Dusseldorf, and the Gershon Schlamm carpentry plant of Kiryat Bialik.

Bitanin's general manager, Gershon Schlamm, told a press conference yesterday that the plant has received "approved-enterprise" status. The German firm holds 51 per cent of the shares; and the official West German Investment Corporation, Deutsche Entwicklungsgesellschaft (DEG), has invested one-third of the capital. The Government has provided a IL700,000 loan.

The plant has a floor space of 5,000 square metres and a staff of 120, and is to be expanded later to 9,000 sq.m. The first year's plan calls for production of IL2m. of which one-third is to be exported through the German partner for exhibitions abroad. Annual production will eventually reach IL10m., half of it for export, Mr. Schlamm said.

The company offers "package-deal" stands for exhibitors, including everything from initial design to final installation, with every detail from lighting to graphic display seen to. Mr. Schlamm said. The stands will be available for sale or hire.

## Spy-ring files nearly ready, police say

JERUSALEM. — The police will turn over their files on the suspects in the Syrian-organized spy-ring case to the District Attorney here within a week, police sources said yesterday. The D.A. will then prepare the charges to be filed against the suspects.

The investigation is now in its final stages; it has been speeded up as the suspects cannot be held for longer than two 15-day remand periods before formal charges are filed in court. When the charges are filed, the police will ask the court to extend the detention orders until the start of the trial.

It was learned that the two new Jewish suspects arrested in Tel Aviv last week, Rami Livneh and Moshé Leiman, are being questioned about suspected contacts with a Syrian agent who came to Israel as a summer visitor. The Security Services believe the agent may have met with the two to talk over the possibility of establishing an additional ring to work for the Syrians here.

There are now 36 Arabs and six Jewish suspects under detention in the case. All are to be tried in civilian courts, most of them in the Haifa District Court.

## No merger for R.G., Givatayim; Kreisman stays

JERUSALEM. — Givatayim Mayor Kuba Kreisman will stand for reelection in 1973. The Labour Party spokesman said yesterday that Mayor Kreisman had responded to an appeal from Party Secretary Aharon Yadin to run again.

Mr. Kreisman had earlier announced that he was leaving Givatayim and moving into neighbouring Ramat Gan to contest the mayoralty there. He also said he would press for a merger of Ramat Gan and Givatayim. Informal contacts on such a merger had already been started by the Labour Party, Gahal and N.R.P. branches in the two towns.

However, an informal poll of Givatayim residents indicated that a majority opposed the merger with Ramat Gan, and many Ramat Gan citizens objected to unifying with the neighbouring town. Labour Party headquarters made it known it did not favour the scheme, and the Givatayim Labour Party branch last week came out with a formal decision against the proposed merger.

Mr. Kreisman thereupon drew back and decided to remain mayor of Givatayim.

It is also understood that he failed to gain a commitment to be awarded a safe place on the Alignment Knesset list.

## Judge: Jail is only punishment for rowdies

TEL AVIV. — Overruling the recommendation of a probation officer, Magistrate's Court Judge Boris Rapoport yesterday sent six teenage boys to jail for creating a disturbance in a Jaffa cinema.

The probation officer had said that spending time in jail would have a harmful effect on the young offenders. But the judge replied that jail was the only fitting punishment for such hoodlums. The boys, all aged 17, caused a rumpus last October during the screening of a cowboy film at the Noga Cinema, by shouting and whistling.

Four of them were sentenced to 30 days' imprisonment, a IL100 fine plus a six-month suspended sentence. Two of them, who had previous convictions, received 40 days. The judge later cancelled the fine for two of the defendants, who admitted the charges, on condition they keep away from cinemas for the next 18 months. (Him)

## Olim call 'rent strike,' more hostels planned

JERUSALEM. — About 100 immigrant families at the Atilit Absorption Centre near Haifa have called a strike beginning tomorrow in protest against having to pay "rent" after they complete their initial six-month upan period. According to Jewish Agency regulations in force at all absorption centres, immigrants enjoy rent-free flats while they are learning Hebrew. If after completing upan they have found a job but no flat, they are expected to pay about IL150 a month (the sum varies in different parts of the country).

If the family breadwinner has not found a job after the first six months, he is required to sign an undertaking that he will refund the rent money when he can afford it. The immigrants at Atilit claim it is not their fault if permanent housing is not available when they complete upan. Instead of paying for their home, the IL150 a month is money down the drain, they say.

Meanwhile, three immigrant families from Iran — with 13 children between them — continued a sit-down strike at Lod Airport yesterday. The strike is now in its 11th day.

The families demand to be sent to Bnei Brak or Or Yehuda. But Absorption Ministry officials say there are no immigrant flats available in these towns. They have offered the families flats in Dimona, Kiryat Shmona or Hadera.

DEAF IN WESTERN ALIYA. The decline in immigration from Western countries will be a central subject for discussion at a three-day meeting of Jewish Agency emissaries from all over the world that opens today in Jerusalem.

At a press conference yesterday, Uri Narkis, director-general of the Agency's Immigration Department, said the decline stemmed in part from improved economic conditions in Western countries and in part from absorption difficulties in Israel, particularly as regards housing. He also said that erosion of Israel's image abroad had been a factor.

Mr. Narkis said his department expected 70,000 immigrants next year, half from the Soviet Union. The Immigration Department is building three additional absorption centres in the South and planning another three. These will increase the number of beds in hostels and absorption centres by 20 per cent to 20,000.

There are 133 immigration emissaries (shlichim) abroad, 30 of them in Vienna, the major transit point for Soviet immigrants.

(In Tel Aviv, Ashdod Mayor Zvi Zilker unfolded to newsmen his own temporary solution to the housing shortage — converting air raid shelters into dwellings. Mr. Zilker said shelters could, with a little effort, serve as temporary dwellings for periods of up to 18 months, for new immigrants and young couples waiting for permanent housing. In Ashdod alone there are hundreds of shelters that could be reconverted, he said.)

## Builder ordered to replace cracked bathtub

TEL AVIV. — A local magistrate yesterday ordered a contracting firm to replace a cracked bathtub which it installed two years ago in a new Givatayim flat.

Mordechai and Rahel Levinstein had bought a three-room flat in Givatayim from the Mishal building firm there. When they removed the wrapping from the bathtub, they discovered the enamel was cracked. For two years they ran after the contractors to get them to repair the bathtub or replace it, the couple told Magistrate's Court Judge Boris Rapoport.

After they had a lawyer write to the firm, a workman was sent to paint the bathtub. The cracks still showed.

The court ordered the contractors — who did not appear in court — to replace the bathtub within two weeks. If they fail to do so, the judge said, the Levinsteins are authorized to replace it themselves and charge the company. The contractors were also ordered to pay court costs and IL200 lawyer's fees. (Him)

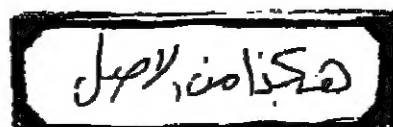
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## Chief Justice burnt alive, Kampala paper says

NAIROBI — Uganda's former Chief Justice Benedict Kiwanuka, who was taken from the High Court chambers in Kampala barefooted and in handcuffs earlier this year by Ugandan soldiers, was burnt alive by members of the Simba Battalion, it was reported here yesterday.

The local English language Sunday newspaper "The Post," quoting what it called a "horror story" now circulating in East Africa's legal profession, said Kiwanuka was killed on the road between Kampala and Entebbe. Kiwanuka was tied up in a jeep which was then set ablaze, according to the story.

The paper said Kiwanuka, a powerful Ugandan figure and former Uganda premier, fell out of favour with President Idi Amin's military regime when he ordered the release of a Briton being detained by Amin's soldiers. Earlier published reports have claimed Kiwanuka was beheaded by soldiers immediately after his arrest.

Meanwhile President Amin has placed Uganda's armed forces on indefinite alert. Radio Uganda repeatedly interrupted its programme on Saturday night and yesterday to broadcast a special announcement by a military command spokesman.

The spokesman said Amin had

ordered "all members of the security forces, that is the Uganda Army and Air Force, the Police and Prisons Service, should stay alert all the time, starting from now." He gave no reason for the alert but said "from today onwards nobody in Uganda should ever speak about guerrillas any more. The more we speak about guerrillas, the more confusion is created in the country."

In the Ugandan capital yesterday informed sources reported that all the 120 Britons ordered to leave Uganda at midnight yesterday were believed to have departed.

They comprise some 60 British personnel, and their families, who General Amin said must leave the country by the end of the year if they wished to terminate their contracts here.

The 60 aid personnel include about 40 teachers, six university lecturers and three or four doctors. The figure was rather higher than originally expected, since some Britons decided to leave at the last moment.

The 670 British aid personnel staying on here, including some 450 teachers, make up with their dependants about half the remaining British community of 2,800. Most of the rest are businessmen, missionaries and their families. (AP, UPI)

## Irish Republic holds another I.R.A. chief

DUBLIN (UPI) — Irish police yesterday arrested Irish Republican Army leader Martin McGuinness, No. 1 on the British wanted list in Northern Ireland.

Police seized McGuinness, 23, and another man, Joseph McCullion, 22, from the Ulster border, soon after discovering a car packed with 22 kg. of explosives and thousands of rounds of ammunition abandoned near a police checkpoint there.

They were held under the offences against the State Act, the same act under which I.R.A. political chief Rory O'Brady was arrested on Friday and I.R.A. military chief Sean MacStiofain was sentenced to six months in prison last month.

McGuinness, a former butcher's boy who became I.R.A. commander in Londonderry, vanished from the city along with other I.R.A. leaders when the British army occupied Londonderry's I.R.A.-controlled "no go" areas last August.

He fled to the republic seaside resort of Buncrana, which became an I.R.A. headquarters, though he was seen in Londonderry several times afterward.

The arrest coincided with a request by Premier Jack Lynch to Britain for tightened security along the Irish border and the public burning in Dublin of copies of the Irish Government's new anti-I.R.A. legislation.

## Possibility of water on the moon

HOUSTON — A scientific panel studying material brought back from the moon by Apollo 17 astronauts believes that small quantities of water may be beneath the lunar surface.

Stressing the tentative nature of this conclusion, one of the panel, Dr. Mike Duke, said on Saturday: "It is there, and it is equal to one-tenth of one per cent, that would be very high. All we can do right now is put an upper limit on it and say it is surely less than one per cent."

Another scientist reported that a moon rock collected during the mission shows evidence of extremely heavy bombardment by cosmic rays during a sun storm last August. Dr. Luis Rancitelli said a large chip from a moon boulder "contains active evidence" of a solar flare. The sample was one of three released by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration for early study to determine how the samples from the moon should be distributed among laboratories throughout the world for closer analysis. (Reuters, UPI)

## Sarawak security situation 'serious'

KUANG, MALAYSIA (AP) — Security forces in Sarawak shot dead 66 Communist guerrillas and captured 43 others this year, the Commander-in-Chief for West Malaysia, Maj-Gen. Mahmood Sultan, said on Sunday. In addition, 46 guerrillas surrendered and 171 weapons were recovered in 1972.

Gen. Mahmood, in a New Year message broadcast over Radio Malaysia Sarawak, said that though many achievements had been made in 1972, the security situation in the state, particularly in the first, second and third divisions was still serious.

DEBTS — More people are watching on their debts in South Africa, with court judgments being issued in the first 10 months this year amounting to 41m. rand (about \$121m.).

## Vietnam said vital in Soviet-American ties

MOSCOW (UPI) — The Vietnam war will determine development of Soviet-American relations, a Soviet commentator said yesterday. In a year-end review of 1972 and a look ahead at 1973, Tass commentator Anatoli Krasikov said:

"Much can be done in the field of bilateral cooperation between the USSR and the United States in different fields. But obviously, this will depend on how events develop in the near future and, specifically, what turn is taken in the question of solving the war in Vietnam."

The Soviet Union and the socialist countries "regard the liquidation of the seat of war in Indochina as one of the main tasks of their foreign policy," the writer said.

"The United States must, at last, realize that its military venture has suffered failure and that nothing can break the will of the heroic Vietnamese people, who have the support and solidarity not only of the socialist countries but also of the widest sections of the world public."

Krasikov said the agreements signed during President Nixon's summit meeting here in May "must be consolidated and developed."

Referring to the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT), he said, "It is necessary to turn their interim agreement on strategic arms limitations into a permanent agreement and to go over from the limitation of armaments to their gradual reduction."

## Pope pleased with U.S. bombing halt

VATICAN CITY (UPI) — Pope Paul VI rose from his sickbed yesterday to tell a rain-soaked crowd in St. Peter's Square of his relief at the end of the U.S. bombing of North Vietnam and the announced resumption of the Paris peace talks.

"We do not want to forget telling you immediately of the relief and hope which the news of the suspension of American bombing on North Vietnam... and the imminent resumption of cease-fire talks brings us and the entire world," the Pope said.

He spoke from an open window buffeted by rain-soaked gusts of wind only hours after the Vatican said he had cancelled all audiences because of a light case of influenza.

## Golda second most admired woman in U.S.

PRINCETON, New Jersey (UPI) — Prime Minister Golda Meir was second on the list of the 10 most admired women in America in 1972, according to a Gallup Poll survey released on Saturday.

Mrs. Pat Nixon, wife of the U.S. President, was number one for the first time in the annual poll. Another woman Prime Minister among the first 10 in 1972 was Indira Gandhi of India, who was third.

## Kissinger is Turks' Man of the Year

ISTANBUL (Reuters) — U.S. presidential adviser Henry Kissinger was yesterday named "Man of the Year" by two Turkish newspapers — "Cumhuriyet" (Republic) and "Milliyet" (Nationality).

"Cumhuriyet" said Mr. Kissinger had come close to securing a peace agreement in Vietnam and his "yet diplomacy" had cleared the way for President Nixon's historic visits to China and Moscow.

## Turkish translator of Marx is jailed

ISTANBUL (Reuters) — Turkish publisher Teklas Agaoglu has been sentenced to seven and a half years imprisonment for translating the book "Politics and Philosophy," by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, the newspaper "Milliyet" reported yesterday.

It said the civilian court had also ordered that Agaoglu spend three years' exile under surveillance on completion of his sentence.

Last week, another left-wing publisher, Bulent Habora, 32, received a similar sentence for publishing Trotsky's "The Permanent Revolution."

Publication of works which propagate Communism has long been a criminal offence in Turkey.

## 24 Chicago cops on Federal charges

CHICAGO (UPI) — A Federal grand jury has indicted 24 present and former Chicago policemen on charges of conspiracy, extortion and perjury. The indictments, returned on Friday, were released yesterday.

The grand jury investigation in February 1971 began with cooperation from the F.B.I.



Earthquake victims who took shelter on the outskirts of Managua, held up containers to receive food from truck after going hungry for five days following breakdown of services. (AP radiophoto)

## British forces to be unwanted guest in Malta

VALLETTA (Reuters) — British forces in Malta will be regarded as "non-paying guests" by Prime Minister Dom Mintoff from today unless a last-minute formula is found to settle the Mediterranean island government's claim for an extra £14m. annual rent.

This is the compensation for a 10 per cent loss caused by the flotation of sterling, which Mr. Mintoff is seeking under his seven-year agreement with Britain and other NATO countries signed last March.

The agreement gives them the right to use bases on the island for total payment of £14m. a year.

Britain's share of the defence facilities agreement is £535m. annually, but Premier Mintoff announced on Saturday he had instructed Malta's Central Bank to return Britain's most instalment of £35m. due today, unless accompanied by an extra £1m.

Any change of status of British forces on the island has not been made clear, but the Maltese believe this will deprive Britain of the right to station forces in Malta in peace or war and use facilities for the defence purposes of the United Kingdom or NATO.

They also believe it would waive an understanding that Malta shall not permit forces of Warsaw Pact countries to be stationed on Malta or to use military facilities on the island.



Princess Muna, the divorced English wife of King Hussein of Jordan, with one of her sons, Prince Abdullah, 10, being driven from Heathrow airport on Saturday when she landed for an overnight stay before leaving for the U.S. The former Miss Toni Gardiner of Ipswich, now 31, was married to King Hussein for 11 years and was divorced shortly before Christmas, the monarch marrying Alia Toukan shortly afterwards. (AP radiophoto)

## Muna takes her sons to U.S.

LONDON — Princess Muna, divorced wife of King Hussein of Jordan, left for New York yesterday accompanied by her two sons, Princes Abdullah, 10, and Faisal, 9. She is taking her sons to a new school in the U.S.

The Princess, who was divorced from King Hussein shortly before Christmas, arrived in London from Amman on Saturday. Fog delayed her arrival by two hours. She decided to spend the night here instead of flying straight on.

Security for the English-born Princess was tight. Both plain-clothed and uniformed police were in evidence at the airport. (AP, UPI)

## Makarios will seek re-election

NICOSIA (Reuters) — Archbishop Makarios on Saturday announced will stand for re-election next year.

The President told a press conference the decision to motions was taken earlier Saturday at an extraordinary meeting of Council of Ministers.

Archbishop Makarios has repeated demands in the past for three senior bishops of the Orthodox Church for his resignation as President on the grounds secular power is incompatible with his role as head of the church.

## The tale of tv too fast gun

BANGKOK (Reuters) — Two shot each other dead in a type duel to prove who was fastest gun in Thailand's Province.

Pang Krutong and Lasuek, attended by their met on a deserted road on 8 for the shootout, police down. They hit each other in their first volley of shots to the ground. As they lay ground they fired again, killing each other. Police recovered the seconds.

## BOMB ROCK NAPLES DAI

NAPLES (AP) — Three were slightly injured early yesterday when a bomb exploded against a building of the daily newspaper "Mattino" of Naples.

The explosion rocked the building windows and opened in the walls. It caused panic employees of the newspaper on the ground floor.

Police said the bomb might have been thrown from a passing car. It was placed earlier against the building.

Those injured were a woman past at the time of the explosion and a newspaper employee of a bar in the same area.

## BLAST IN NIC

NICE, France (AP) — An explosion in front of a local restaurant by a Yugoslav blew in it broke windows and damaged cars parked nearby, police on Saturday. The blast did not cause any injuries. Eight days after a similar explosion in Paris, when a Yugoslav seriously wounded himself manipulating a bomb in a restaurant near the Yugoslav Embassy.

## 123 more detain freed in Philipp

MANILA (AP) — A total of 123 persons detained in two military detention centres were released today by the Philippine government after they reaffirmed their loyalty to the republic.

A national policy spokesman said 73 prisoners, held since the time of martial law more than 10 months ago, were released. Among them were released Crans stockade in nearby following the order of Defense Secretary Juan Ponce Enrile. Another batch of 50 detainees, including 19 student activists, were released from detention centre in Camp Villaluna in Laguna province, south.

Mr. Enrile, according to a Manila news agency, said the detainees released "so that they could live the New Year with their loved ones."

Since early this month 1,000 detainees have been released. More than 2,000 detainees, 5,231 persons taken into custody when martial law was declared September 22.

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# MAKING IN BANGKOK AFTER 48 HOURS

## Thai Minister describes 'relaxed' atmosphere on Cairo-bound plane

OK (Reuter). — The two Thai who were Chulassapa and Deputy Foreign Minister Chatchai Chumchuan, who accompanied the Egyptian Minister Chatchai Chumchuan, were presented with garlands yesterday, and were taken to the airport by Prime Minister Field Marshal Thanom Kittikachorn at Don Mueang international airport on the same Thai international airliner which had taken them to the Egyptian capital.



Their plane touched down at the airport at about 6 a.m. local time — almost 48 hours after they had left as guarantors of the terrorists' safe conduct out of Thailand.

Marshal Dawee described the flight to reporters at an airport press conference. He said that everyone aboard the flight had tried to maintain a relaxed atmosphere during the long flight to Cairo. "Air hostesses played cards with them, we joined them with food and drinks, and tension relaxed," he said.

He said that the four told their Thai companions a little bit about themselves. "One is a doctor, one an electrical engineer, one a civil engineer and one a teacher."

After a refueling stop in Karachi, the terrorists slept the rest of the way to Cairo, Marshal Dawee said.

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He added that they did not surrender all their weapons after they freed the hostages and boarded the plane last Friday morning. They kept some hand grenades and guns hidden in their pockets, he reported.

Dawee said when the bus carrying the terrorists, the hostages and his group arrived at Don Mueang airport two days ago, he had some bad moments when one of the terrorists demanded to inspect the plane and began running erratically toward it.

The Air Marshal said that he and Gen. Chatchai stepped in quickly to make sure that none of the security forces ringing the area would touch off a gunfight.

"I thought things were getting out of hand," said Dawee. "Chatchai and I told everybody to stay out of it because this was the burning point in Munich."

"In Munich they had agreed to board the plane, but they wanted to inspect it first," said Dawee. "The first man who jumped in Munich was shot by a German sniper who did not know what was going on."

Field Marshal Thanom told reporters at the airport he would have been prepared to use force to secure the release of the Israeli hostages if peaceful means had failed.

Marshal Dawee said the four terrorists told him they had entered Thailand two weeks ago and spent several days of water-skiing at Pattaya beach resort, south of Bangkok. "They said they liked the pagodas in Thailand. Maybe that is why they changed their minds," he added.

He said the terrorists did not reveal how they obtained their weapons.

### ELAZAR THANKS THAI PREMIER

The Chief of Staff, Rav-Avut David Elazar, yesterday thanked the Thai Prime Minister, Field Marshal Thanom Kittikachorn, for his role in the rescue of the Israeli hostages.

However, a Northern Ireland company which described itself as the world's oldest rose-breeding nursery announced that one of its varieties has been named "Eurorose" to mark the date.



Israel's Ambassador to Thailand, Rehavam Amir (right) laughs during yesterday's news conference given in Bangkok by Thai Air Marshal Dawee Chulassapa (far left). Mrs. Meir's special adviser on security affairs, Gen. Aharon Yariv, sits in the center. (AP radiophoto)

### TERRORISTS STAYED AT HOTEL NEAR EMBASSY

## 'No one can be blamed' for lack of security, Bangkok police decide

By GEORGE LEONOF  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

BANGKOK — The Thai police will not punish agents who rapidly withdrew from the compound of the Israeli Embassy when it was invaded by four Arab terrorists, the deputy police chief, Gen. Prachap Surtarakul, told newsmen yesterday.

"No one can be blamed for anything. The attack was very unexpected and no one could have done better in that situation," he said. Gen. Prachap, placed in charge of the security division last month, pointed out that Thai practice precluded the use of violent means inside the foreign embassies, since they are the sovereign territory of the respective governments.

He did not elaborate on what police agents inside the embassies must do in case they are confronted with violence.

The deputy police chief did say, however, that last Friday he had ordered the Metropolitan Police as well as the force's Special Branch to maintain security at all foreign embassies, and to be particularly vigilant with regard to Israeli and Arab residents.

Meanwhile, the manager of the Japanese-operated Amara Hotel, located less than a kilometre from the Israeli Embassy, said the four Arab terrorists had stayed in his hotel for about six days before they suddenly disappeared last Thursday.

The manager, a Thai, told police investigators searching the hotel that the four, who arrived on consecutive days, had given their names as Salem al-Sabri, Said Salem Lahadi, K.S. Sammas and H. Khalid. He has a Bahrain passport, Lahadi has an "Omman" passport, and the other two said they were Saudis.

First to arrive were Sahri and Lahadi, who came on December 23. They did not appear to know each other and stayed in rooms on the fourth and ninth floors respectively.

Sammas and Khalid put in at the hotel the following day, arriving together in the afternoon and chatting in Arabic while signing in. They stayed in adjoining rooms on the third floor. Hotel employees said all four spoke "some" English.

Later it turned out they were acquainted, and had their meals together in Khalid's room. Sammas' room. Hotel employees also said the four often went out together, walking off towards Lang Suan street, where the Israeli Embassy is located.

On December 25, Sahri exchanged \$80 at the hotel counter. He changed one of the \$20 notes after the cashier told him it was counterfeit.

Later the same day they booked a tour to the royal palace, but only three went. Lahadi stayed behind because he was apparently indisposed.

On Thursday, the day of the attack on the embassy, the room maid had reported that all four had disappeared. Police investigators who searched the rooms following the manager's report were said to have collected a number of personal items.

Police blocked off the rooms and took personal effects and documents.

### Terrorists getting some guns back

The Thai government will return two sub-machineguns to the Arab terrorists who used them in occupying the Israeli Embassy in Bangkok last Thursday, Israeli Radio said yesterday.

The weapons would be returned through the Egyptian Embassy in Bangkok, the radio's correspondent in Thailand reported.

However, two pistols and three grenades used in the assault would be kept by the Thai Government, and the Palestinian flag hoisted over the Embassy during the 18-hour frame would be given to the King of Thailand, the radio said.

Before flying out of Thailand, the Arabs asked that one sub-machinegun be presented to Prime Minister Field Marshal Thanom Kittikachorn, another to army commander in chief Prachap Charusathien, and the flag to King Bhumipol.

### Satellites brought news of hostages direct to Israel

Communications satellites in orbit over the Atlantic and Indian Oceans enabled the Government to maintain contact with Bangkok during the 18-hour takeover of the Israeli Embassy there by Arab terrorists, the Communications Ministry spokesman said on Friday.

When word reached Jerusalem of the attack, Communications Minister Shimon Peres ordered Ministry engineers to open direct and continuous lines of communication with Thailand.

## Thais accept plaudits for firm stand

BANGKOK (AP). — Thailand yesterday accepted "with profound appreciation" the congratulatory messages from world governments for its role in freeing six Israeli diplomats from four Black September terrorists who occupied the Israeli Embassy at gunpoint for 19 hours Thursday.

A Foreign Ministry statement said Thailand had fulfilled its "gentlemen's agreement" with the four terrorists by providing them safe conduct to Cairo, accompanied by the Thai Chief of Staff and Minister of Agriculture, Air Chief Marshal Dawee Chulassapa, and Deputy Foreign Minister Chatchai Chumchuan, who returned to Thailand early yesterday.

The Foreign Ministry praised Egyptian Ambassador, Mustafa el-Essawy, for his "contribution to the success of this highly delicate task," and thanked the Egyptian government for the "warm and generous hospitality" extended to the Thai officials during their overnight stay in Cairo.

The Ministry said Thailand hoped that "the same spirit of good will and understanding shall prevail throughout the coming year and ever after, and that nations and peoples everywhere shall henceforth devote themselves to constructive endeavours so that a just and durable peace shall reign in the entire world."

The Ministry, meanwhile, disputed a news report Saturday quoting Foreign Minister Abba Eban as saying that Thailand let the four terrorists leave Bangkok in exchange for their six hostages.

"The Foreign Ministry spokesman expressed his reservation" about the alleged remark. He said the Thai government was "the sole authority — and bore complete responsibility for the decision, planning and its execution which finally resulted in the release of six Israeli hostages and the transport, with a guarantee of safe conduct, of the four Palestinians involved to Cairo."

The spokesman added that the Government of Israel was informed of the plan "after it was successfully executed."

### Thai paper lauds Moslem support

BANGKOK (Reuter). — Thailand's minority Moslem population of about two million people was solidly behind the Thai Government in its handling of the Palestine terrorist raid on the Israeli Embassy here, the "Bangkok Post" said on Saturday.

The English-language newspaper said in its editorial: "We cannot fail to mention that Thai Moslems, under the leadership of the Chula Rajamontri — although they are of the same religion as the Palestinians — were one with the Government and the other people in their hope and prayers for a peaceful outcome."

"Now, it's all over. All Thai's stand 10 feet tall today."

"To make a suicide-prone killer squad change its mind as no one nor any government had done before is something we can proudly crow about," the paper said.

## Britain quietly enters enlarged Common Market

(Reuter). — Britain said today it had quietly entered into full membership in the European Common Market.

The last night with few outside the market, the British government celebrated the stroke of midnight that formally brought Britain into the enlarged nine-nation community, ending a thousand years of island history.

Observers saw British entry as heralding the end of the long struggle between the island of Ireland and the Common Market's most important member, France, since the signing of the Treaty of Rome 15 years ago.

When I have called 1973 the "Year of the Common Market," said Prime Minister Edward Heath, in a radio interview before he left for Ottawa.

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Britain's undercurrent of reluctance was shown in scattered demonstrations yesterday. In an Essex village east of London, residents staged a mock funeral procession carrying a black coffin marked "British democracy."

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# THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT — MAKING DEMOCRACY WORK

By TREVOR DREHER  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW DELHI. — A year ago, the Indian subcontinent was in a political whirl whose outcome nobody could confidently predict. A short but decisive war had been fought and had shattered the power balance in the region.

A new republic, predominantly Muslim but pledged to secular democracy with a socialist slant, had been born out of the bloodshed on India's eastern flank. In the West, military dictatorship had collapsed in the wake of defeat in war.

It was difficult to envisage that the new state of Bangladesh and truncated Pakistan would settle down to a stable existence with India, the big neighbour which lay between them. Today, these countries which were one 25 years ago are entering a new year in very different circumstances.

## SURVIVAL

Their basic economic and social problems remain unsolved and may even worsen, but the volcanic political situation which threatened to erupt any moment in Bangladesh and Pakistan has gone. Their survival in their present form is no longer in doubt.

The three nations are making a

sincere effort to live together peacefully. The strongest tie linking Dacca, Islamabad and New Delhi is that they are all trying to make a democratic parliamentary system of government work. An experienced practitioner of this system, India is giving powerful material and moral support to the infant democracies in Bangladesh and Pakistan. In the last 12 months, Bangladesh has emerged from the horrors of civil war to reabsorb nearly 10 million Bengalis who had sought refuge in India while the liberation was at its height in what was once East Pakistan.

Agriculture and industry have picked up rapidly, and even if food is not as plentiful as it should be to meet the needs of 75 million people, the spectres of widespread famine and pestilence no longer cause alarm in Dacca.

Although resurgent right and left wing forces pose new challenges to the ruling Awami League, Prime Minister Mujibur Rahman has sufficient confidence in the support of his people to hold a general election next March in which he seeks a "massive mandate" to continue in office.

In far-off Islamabad, President

Yahya Khan must learn to live in peace if their country's survival is to be assured. His next success may be to get them to accept the reality of Bangladesh. A realistic peace settlement could then be negotiated among the three neighbours as the basis for the close cooperation vital to their economic growth.

When the pull of Indian and Pakistani troops two weeks ago from the territories they had occupied in the fighting in December 1971, the border between them is now militarily defused. Restoration of trade and land-air communications should logically flow.

Then, as part of an overall peace settlement, they may decide to end amicably their differences over the Kashmir Valley. The long haggling between Indian and Pakistani army officers over marking a line of control in the State of Jammu and Kashmir represented the one but last round in the dispute that has been kept alive since the two countries became independent a quarter century ago.

New Delhi wants this line to become an international dividing line in a final peaceful solution of this quarrel which has aroused so much bitterness and has been a constant threat to peace in the subcontinent.

If the process of relaxing tensions, which began with the meeting of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and Mr. Bhutto in Simla last June, continues, it would not be over-optimistic to believe that the hurdles to a treaty binding Bangladesh, India and Pakistan to live as friends could be negotiated before many months pass.

Such a consummation of the political moves and countermoves in the capitals of the three countries would be satisfactory to the three super powers, which since President Nixon's openings to Peking and Moscow last year have come to think alike on the subcontinent. They agree that nothing should be done to stand in the way of engineering a durable peace and thus ensuring the continuance of political stability in these countries. They realize that, more than any other part of Asia, this subcontinent, with more than 600 million people, is a power keg which, if permitted to ignite, would frustrate their efforts for international understanding.

Novice bull-fighter Caldeano gets the horn... he's probably wishing that he'd waited until Spain in her new bull-fighting laws.

## 1973 — dawn of a new political era

By ARTHUR L. GAVSHON

LONDON (AP). — Nations of the old world expect West Europe, Japan and China to join the U.S. and

the Soviet Union as the world's main power centres in 1973.

They think the tidy post-war pattern of East-West "alliance politics" will begin fading out. In its place, the dawn of a new political era is foreseen: an era of political manoeuvre in which relations between nations and between continents will ebb and flow with the tides of shifting interests.

This delicate process, in the view of East as well as West Europeans, will pose great challenges as well as great chances. Challengers to the existing order of things; chances to bring about peaceful political and social change.

But 1973 will not be all politics. A primary problem facing all in West Europe is how to deal with ever-accelerating inflation — higher prices chasing even bigger wage settlements. Each government is trying to cope in its own way, with varying success.

The lives of 55 million Britons will be changed when their country enters the enlarged Common Market on January 1. John Bull will have to adapt every aspect of his living to Continental standards.

In Russia, leaders are likely to try all they know to check the contagion of liberty which already seems to be creating a ferment of dissent among some of the country's intellectuals. As Western nations press for a freer flow of ideas, people and goods, the rulers of the Kremlin may be expected to clamp down even more severely against all displays of non-conformity.

A country like Spain has other problems — from new bull-fighting laws insisting that the animals must be at least four years old, to cleaning up the debris 30 million tourists will be leaving on the beaches. But few political developments are foreseen so long as Francisco Franco, the leader for 33 years, remains in command.

National elections set for March dominate the facts of life in France. The New Year begins with stock and money markets jittery at the prospect reported by the pollsters that a popular front of left-wing parties, including the Communists, is apt to make big gains. If they do, President Georges Pompidou may find himself with a constitutional crisis on his hands just when it seemed he was set for years of power.

ANTI-DIVORCE  
Italians, wobbling from one governmental crisis to the next, are still gripped by uncertainty over whether to preserve their two-year-old divorce law — a law resisted from the start by the Vatican. Already 85,000 marriages have been dissolved under that act. But it seems possible anti-divorce groups will force a national referendum on the issue.

West Germany under Willy Brandt, having all but closed the books on World War II, will be carrying its *opecolitic*, or Eastern friendship policy, to its logical conclusion. This means normalizing relations with Hungary and Czechoslovakia. But Brandt's main preoccupation is likely to be with the country's lagging programme of social reform. Abortion is soon to be legalized. Marriage laws will be revised, giving women more rights. Taxes are to be made fairer.

Eastward, old yearnings for the new comforts of the consumer age seem likely to be satisfied only spottily.

In Poland, Hungary and Rumania, wider selections of goods have already appeared in the shops. Houses are being built better. Wages are higher. But most of these countries, to carry such policies forward, need more credit. In turn, credits from the West may require greater liberalism. Thus a choice going to the centre of policy will face Communist leaders in the months ahead.

Soviet leaders will push ahead with their own arrangements for attracting U.S. investments and trade — but not, so they are saying, at the cost of ideology. If anything, they may be expected to redouble their efforts to counter Western cultural influences. Intellectual dissenters are sure to get short shrift, especially if they demonstrate any tendencies to exploit or to meet any Western initiatives for greater liberalism within Soviet society. The campaign against restless Soviet Jews is not over.

The American-Soviet dialogue will not be confined to trade, investment in Russia's energy resources, and technological cooperation. It also will embrace talks to limit strategic weapons, nearing the big nuclear sort.

West Europeans, banded together in a bigger Common Market, will be competing against the American and Soviet industrial giants. Transatlantic relations could be embittered, unless fair trade and money policies can be agreed upon in conferences due next summer.

East and West Europeans, with North Americans attending, will try to underpin the security of the old world in a special conference. But a reconciliation of rival aims and concepts of security will be hard to achieve.

Finally, Nato and Warsaw allies will be seeking first then to cut, arms and arm the Europe. Again it will be hard haul. Each side has its own point, its own goal. It is to bargain for a cutback in the arms race to balance the ultimate certain reduction of the 300,000 force in Europe. Moscow other hand, hopes for an withdrawal without pa price for it.

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LONDON (Reuters). — A both bestowed New Year today on a selection subjects ranging from Scotland Yard to a man down the royal limousine. Included was archaeologist Kenyon, famous for excavations at Jerusalem. Altogether more than 100 women were named in the latest batch of titles, decorations handed out twice every year. Olympic champion Mary Peters, a cricket captain Ray Illingworth among those honoured.

The 34 men created included Robert Mark, who earlier this year as C of the London Metropolitan Police. This is the position in charge of Scotland Yard at a time when law was a topic of sharp He will be known as a similar honour was Cudlipp, a newspaperman a big reputation in a tabloid journalism. No of the international publication, Sir Hugh was years closely associated "Daily Mirror", a pioneer of brass, outspoke.

Dr. Kenyon was named Commander of the Order of the B.E.L. This is the the knighthood awarded Dr. Forwerth Edward the Egyptian antiquities Museum, was made of the Order of Saint George (C.M.G.). In charge of the success hansen exhibition in London.

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VIENNA (Reuters). — Defence Minister For week announced strengthening his country's military training for both men and women. The measures, carried out by the Austrian armed forces, will include training for women in the use of small arms and in the handling of anti-aircraft weapons.

For the first time in history, "acceptance of any action by a that might injure the dignity, independence or defence capacity of any nation."

This would apply to peace and war, the agency Agence France Presse, Bucharest.

## MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

### LIST OF MAXIMUM CONSUMER PRICES FOR GROCERIES

(In accordance with an order of the Minister of Commerce and Industry, effective January 1, 1973)

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry announces that, with the coming into effect of the new price control law on January 1, 1973, the Minister of Commerce and Industry has issued an Order setting maximum prices for the groceries listed hereunder. The Order prohibits the supply of these products at a price higher than the maximum price, as given in the Order. Any act of contravention of the prohibition constitutes an offence.

The list of maximum prices given in the Order is as follows:

PRODUCT	Package or weight	Price
<b>BREAD</b>		
Dark bread, uniform	1 kg.	.38
Dark bread, uniform	750 gm.	.32
White bread	750 gm.	.35
White bread	250 gm.	.22
Halla, round or plaited	500 gm.	.40
Roll	60 gm.	.09
Rye bread or Kimmel bread	500 gm.	.37
<b>MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS</b>		
Pasteurized milk	200 ml. bag	.21
Pasteurized milk	500 ml. bottle	.32
Pasteurized milk	500 ml. bag	.33
Pasteurized milk	1 litre bag	.63
Cream (lebeniya) such as eshel, idit	170 ml. cup	.22
Leben 3% fat	170 ml. cup	.20
Sour cream (shamenet)	170 ml. cup	.38
Pasteurized cream for whipping	230 ml. bag	1.20
Yogurt	170 ml. cup	.32
Butter	100 gm. package	.80
Salted butter	200 gm. package	1.50
Lean white cheese	250 gm. package	.40
Lean white cheese for cutting (such as "Cna'an")	250 gm. package	.50
Lean white cheese for cutting (such as "Cna'an")	500 gm. package	.94
Lean cheese for spreading	250 gm. tub	.44
Cream cheese	250 gm. package	.45
Cream cheese for spreading	250 gm. tub	.50
Full-fat table cheese	250 gm. tub	.57
Full-fat cheese for cutting	250 gm. package	.62
Full-fat cheese for cutting	500 gm. package	1.19
Cottage cheese (9%)	225 gm. tub	.63-.65
Hard cheese, half fat "Gilboa"	1 kg.	6.50
Hard cheese, half fat "Gilboa" (packaged, sliced)	150 gm. package	1.40
Hard cheese, full fat "Emek"	1 kg.	7.00
Hard cheese, full fat "Tiran"	1 kg.	7.50
Hard cheese, full fat "Peer"	1 kg.	7.50
Hard cheese, full fat "Edam"	1 kg.	7.50
Hard cheese, full fat "Gush Halav" (packaged, sliced)	200 gm. package	1.80
Hard cheese, full fat "Tiran" (packaged, sliced)	150 gm. package	1.60
Hard cheese, full fat "Edam" (packaged, sliced)	150 gm. package	1.60
Hard cheese, all fat "Tal Haemek"	1 kg.	9.40
Hard cheese, all fat "Dana"	1 kg.	9.50
Nahariya	1 kg.	8.50
Hard cheese, full fat "Miron"	1 kg.	8.50
Hard cheese, all fat "Arad"	1 kg.	8.90
Hard cheese, all fat "Hadar"	1 kg.	8.90
Hard cheese, all fat "Tal Haemek" (packaged, sliced)	200 gm. package	2.20
Hard cheese, all fat "Arad" (packaged, sliced)	150 gm. package	1.75
Hard cheese, full fat "Miron" (packaged, sliced)	150 gm. package	1.80
Hard cheese, all fat "Hadar" (packaged, sliced)	200 gm. package	2.00
Hard cheese, all fat "Arad" (packaged, piece)	200 gm. package	2.00
Hard cheese, all fat "Nahariya" (packaged, piece)	200 gm. package	2.00
Sterilized milk	600 ml. bottle	.48
Sterilized milk, low fat (1%)	600 ml. bottle	.44
Sterilized milk*	910 ml. bottle	.64-.65
<b>EGGS</b>		
Size 1		.18
Size 2		.17
Size 3		.16
Size 4		.14
Size 5		.12
Size 6		.11
Size 7		.10

PRODUCT	Package or weight	Price
<b>OIL, MARGARINE AND THEIR PRODUCTS</b>		
Margarine, with or without salt	200 gm. packet	.32
Margarine, with or without salt	250 gm. tub	.51
Margarine, low calory	250 gm. tub	.46
Margarine for baking	200 gm. packet	.34
Margarine with milk	200 gm. packet	.42
Margarine with milk	250 gm. tub	.58
Distilled soya oil*	580 gm. glass bottle	.70-.71
<b>FISH</b>		
Fresh carp	1 kg.	3.50
<b>MATCHES</b>		
Matches	Packet of 12 boxes	.55
Matches	Box	.05
<b>HUMUS, TEHINA</b>		
Prepared humus*	100 gm. can	.55-.56
Prepared humus*	310 gm. can	1.32-1.33
Prepared humus*	420 gm. can	1.64-1.65
Instant humus	100 gm. can	.76
Prepared tehina*	100 gm. can	.59-.60
Instant tehina	100 gm. can	.87
<b>FLOUR, SUGAR, RICE</b>		
Plain flour sieved*	1 kg.	.47-.52
Sugar by weight	1 kg.	.80
Sugar, packaged*	1 kg.	.82-.87
Long rise	1 kg.	1.58
Medium rice	1 kg.	1.47
Round rice	1 kg.	1.26
<b>FLOUR AND DOUGH PRODUCTS</b>		
Macaroni, spaghetti (Osem)	400 gm. package	.93
Noodles, ptitim	400 gm. package	.60
Macaroni, spaghetti "Peer Hahita" (Osem)*	250 gm. box	.65-.66
Egg noodles*	200 gm. box	.72-.73
<b>SOUPS</b>		
Chicken soup	3 cubes, 15 gm. each	.93
Chicken soup or meat soup*	3 packets	.98-1.05
Mushroom soup with barley*	Box of 2 packets	1.85-1.98
Other soups*	Box of 2 packets	1.70-1.72
Chicken or meat soup, instant	6 cubes, 7 gm. each	.98-1.00
Vegetable soup*	50 gm. cube	.45-.46
<b>DRINKS (prices to the consumer)</b>		
White beer*	48 cl. bottle	.44-.46
Malt beer*	48 cl. bottle	.33-.35
Carbonated beverages (except "Schweppes" and "Coca Cola")*	20 cl. bottle	.17-.22
Carbonated beverages*	1.1 lit. bottle	.80-.82
Milk drink with chocolate	200 ml. cont.	.21
Citrus beverage*	65 ml. bottle	.37-.39
<b>TEA AND COFFEE</b>		
Instant coffee ("Elite")*	56 gm. can	2.32-2.40
Instant coffee ("Elite")*	227 gm. can	8.90-9.15
Instant coffee (other)*	56 gm. can	2.23-2.31
Instant coffee (other)*	227 gm. can	8.60-8.80
Tea, type 74 aluminium foil packet	100 gm.	1.43
Tea, type 510 aluminium foil packet	100 gm.	1.57
Tea, 1 gm. bag	25 tea-bags	1.06
Tea, 1.5 gm. bag	25 tea-bags	1.35
<b>POPULAR PRICED CHOCOLATE</b>		
Milk chocolate	50 gm. bar	.40
Plain chocolate	50 gm. bar	.40
Chocolate with peanuts	50 gm. bar	.40
Milk chocolate	100 gm. bar	.78
Plain chocolate	100 gm. bar	.78
Milk chocolate	200 gm. bar	1.58
Plain chocolate	200 gm. bar	1.58

The public is requested to exercise care when shopping, and not to pay a price higher than the fixed maximum price, as it appears in the above list. Consumers are requested to report any case of price control infringement to the regional offices of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

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## MOTORING...MOTORING...MOTORING...MOTORING...MOTORING...

Tel Aviv's  
Auto City  
opens todayBy YITZHAK OKED  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "Auto City," the new centre for used car lots, is due to be opened today off the Tel Aviv-Haifa highway, opposite the country Club.

The centre will be the biggest of its kind in the country, with room for 27 dealers on its 24-dunam site, the promoters say. Seven plots have already been sold. A total of 1500 used vehicles may ultimately be on display.

One of the innovations planned is a monthly car auction. Since four of the plots are reserved for dealers in new cars, people buying these vehicles will be able to sell their old cars to one of the dealers on the site. For the further convenience of motorists, areas have been set aside for garages and body shops, insurance offices and banks are expected to open branches in the city.

The project has the blessing of the Ministry of Transport and the Tel Aviv Municipality. Tel Aviv has for years tried to move its used car sales from their lots on busy roads, claiming that the cars, parked in and out of them create traffic hazards.

"Auto City" is located within the jurisdiction of the Ramat Hasharon Council.

One of the promoters said that about 90 per cent of all used cars are taken place in the Dan region. People come here from all parts of the country, running around the city for days in search of a bargain. Now, selecting a used car will be much easier, he said.



CAVALRY CHARGE — The horse seems to approve the action of its rider, who slips a parking ticket under a car's windshield wiper. (Mike Goldberg)

## Camper rentals to tourists

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A new departure in tourism — the provision of caravans for two adults and three children — is being launched by Koppel Tours, Mr. Shmuel Pilovsky, director of the company, has announced.

He said that his company has ordered 15 of the vehicles, called "campers," which are now due to arrive here. Ten are made by Fiat, the other five are Bedford.

Each camper — in reality a truck converted to a home on wheels —

contains beds, a toilet, a gas stove, a refrigerator, closets and a water supply. They are powered by 21 h.p. engines, and with a full load can take any hill in Israel, he says.

The authorities have agreed to charge tax only on the "vehicle part" of the campers, which will cost IL40,000 each. The tax on the sleeping and living part is being waived because hotel rooms are also not taxed.

The campers can be rented for IL150 a day, with unlimited kilometrage, although minimum rental will be for seven days.

Computer duns  
wrong man for  
parking tickets

Jerusalem Post Motoring Reporter

HAIFA. — A failure of communication between computers is causing embarrassment to some motorists.

Car owners in various parts of the country have been receiving notices from the Holon licensing office, that their car licences will not be renewed until they have settled their unpaid police fines.

Yitzhak Karko of Eilat Tivra reports that he was notified by the Holon office that until he pays IL50 for two Haifa traffic court convictions his car licence will be held up. But Mr. Karko had not been in Haifa for three years.

A check with the police and the licensing office revealed that another man had incurred the fines — and not paid them. The Haifa police computer had transmitted the wrong information to its Holon counterpart.

Car may decide  
if driver too  
drunk to drive

WARREN, Mich. (AP). — A 10-second test to prevent an alcohol or drug-impaired driver from starting his car is being evaluated by General Motors.

G.M. engineers are testing a steering wheel which controls a needle on a dial in the instrument panel. When the ignition is turned on, the needle starts to fluctuate. The objective is to steer well enough to keep the needle in a shaded area, allowing the driver to start the engine.

If the driver's reactions are impaired, the needle swings back and forth outside the designated area, a red "reset" button lights, and the starter is immobilized.

The driver has two more chances to pass the test. He pushes the "reset" button and the needle again begins swinging.

When a driver is able to keep the needle in the centre shaded area the "pass" button lights up and the car can be started.

A CAMPAIGN TO RAISE IL12m. for seven new settlements will be launched today (in Israel) by the United Israel Appeal. The Appeal says the money is merely for the infrastructures for the settlements — in the Jordan Valley, the Etzion Bloc and the Rafah Approaches. The settlements will cost a total of IL200m., and some IL67m. is still lacking.

Cause most accidents, survey says  
Perils of pedestrians  
on Jerusalem streetsBy ERNIE MEYER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Pedestrians in Jerusalem don't walk carefully, according to a report issued last week.

The document, prepared by the local branch of the National Council for the Prevention of Accidents, indicates that more pedestrians than motorists or passengers were injured in accidents during 1971. And what's more, they — and not the drivers — were responsible for 60 per cent of the accidents involving people on foot.

According to the police, statistics are as follows: in 34 fatal accidents, 19 pedestrians (of all ages) were responsible; in 90 accidents with serious injuries, 38 pedestrians were responsible; in about 500 accidents with light injuries, 283 pedestrians were responsible.

Results of the survey, conducted by David Hartom and submitted to branch chairman Ariel Weinstein, were reviewed in The Jerusalem Post on Friday, December 29. This article contains excerpts from the report's statistical section.

The 6-14 year age group is relatively hardest hit among accident victims. Although their percentage of killed is small, their share of injured is about 50 per cent higher than their percentage in the population. Surprisingly, there is no great difference in accident involvement for children up to 14 between the summer vacation months and the rest of the year.

Only during the rainy months, about 25 per cent more children are injured than during the summer. Mr. Hartom thinks that perhaps heavy clothing (e.g. rain coats) prevents many young children from keeping a proper look-out for cars.

High school students and soldiers are low on the accident list, and so are the age groups up to 50.

In the 50-70 age group, however, there is a steep increase in accident involvement, their share of killed being about double their share in the population.

the population. This tendency becomes even more marked in the 70-plus age group, where the percentage of fatalities is almost four times the percentage in the population.

The report says that the majority of pedestrians are injured or killed at points where there is no crosswalk, or no traffic light.

Mr. Hartom recommends that more safety fences be installed at intersections and also on straight sections of road. The elderly especially need much more safety education. Engineering solutions in addition to traffic lights are needed at busy intersections, Mr. Hartom writes without specifying.

Drunken driving is a negligible cause of accidents, the report says. Only three such cases occurred in Jerusalem in 1971, all of them involving Arabs. Only two accidents could be clearly attributed to drivers falling asleep at the wheel, although in many other cases police described the driver's condition as "unknown."

## HARD TO DETERMINE

Mr. Hartom was unable to gain a clear statistical picture of the share road conditions play in causing accidents. Similarly car roadworthiness as an accident factor could not be established statistically. He found that only in four cases police blamed an accident on mechanical faults in vehicles.

The report concludes with a table of 39 Jerusalem streets, listing their incidence of accidents and fatalities. Jaffa Road had the greatest number of accidents (52, with 50 light injuries, 6 severe injuries, 1 killed; 35 of the injured were pedestrians).

The greatest number of fatalities (5) occurred in A-Tur, on the Mount of Olives, and on the Ramallah Road (3). On Sderot Herzl 36 people were injured (1 severely, but there were no fatalities). By contrast one person was killed on Rehov Agrippas — where only six accidents occurred during the entire year.

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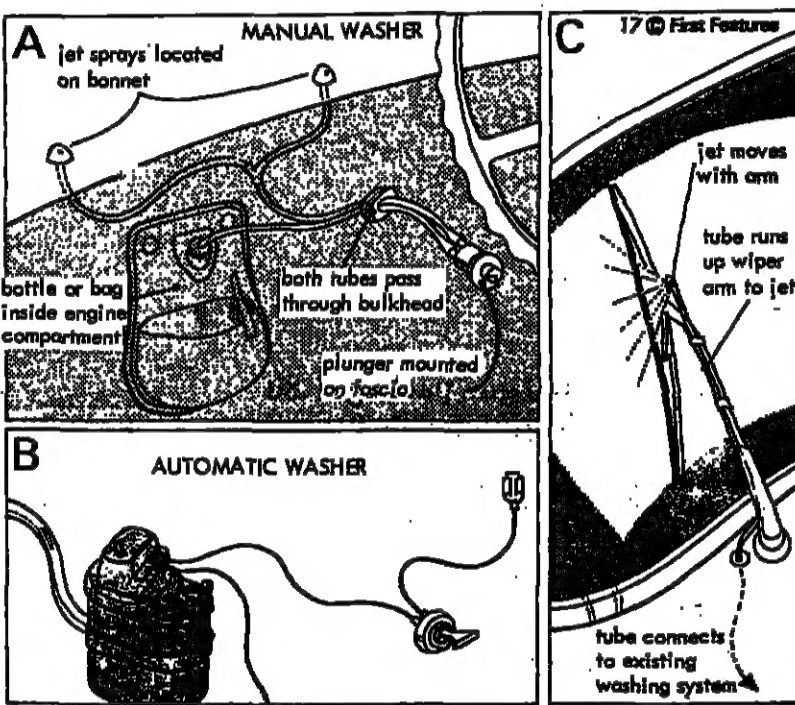
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## MIND YOUR WIPERS

CAR CARE  
by  
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THE windscreen-washer is a luxury of yesterday which has become standard equipment today.

It is basically a very simple arrangement: a pump, a reservoir and plastic tubing, connecting to two jets on the bonnet aimed at the windscreen (see A).

Usually a hand-pump on the dashboard is employed. From it run two plastic tubes. The input tube is connected to the water reservoir, either a glass or flexible plastic bottle. The other pipe from the pump leads to the output nozzle. In some cars makes the pump is mounted on the floor and operated by the driver's left foot.

Little ever goes wrong with this system. If the pump becomes defective, you just fit a new one. If the plastic tubes come off their stubs, you just push them back. To make a tube tight, trim off the end, heat it up and push it home.

## UNBLOCKING JETS

If the jets are blocked, a pin will usually clear them. One more possible fault is the one-way valve in the line from the pump. This can get stuck, but is simple to clear. You'll find it usually at the bottom of the pipe in the bottle.

More elaborate systems incorporate an electric motor (see B). Instead of manually squirting the water, the jets operate at the flick of a switch.

In some makes of car pressure from the spare tire is used. The spare is stored under the bonnet. A plastic tube is connected to the air valve and pressure from the tire is sufficient to squirt the water onto the windshield.

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it in yourself with the aid of a kit. Installation, using the instructions provided, is well within the scope of the average handyman. It's mostly a matter of drilling, mounting and connecting up.

Aligning the jets properly can be a difficult job. If you set them so that they work satisfactorily at 50 kph., they may produce only a tiny trickle at the bottom of the screen when you drive on the highway. If you have them working well on the highway, they may squirt water over the roof when you're driving in city traffic.

A new gadget may have solved this problem. It consists of a little multi-jet block which fits on to the wiper blade itself (see C). It is joined to the existing jets or to the T-piece in the line to the jets by plastic tube. The water is then squirted exactly where the blade is wiping at the time. There is no hit-or-miss squirting and none of the water is wasted.

A final word: Don't underestimate the importance of washers. They are of obvious use in filthy driving conditions to wash mud off the screen. But they also lubricate the wiper blades so that they don't A plastic tube is connected to the grind grit straight into the glass surface.

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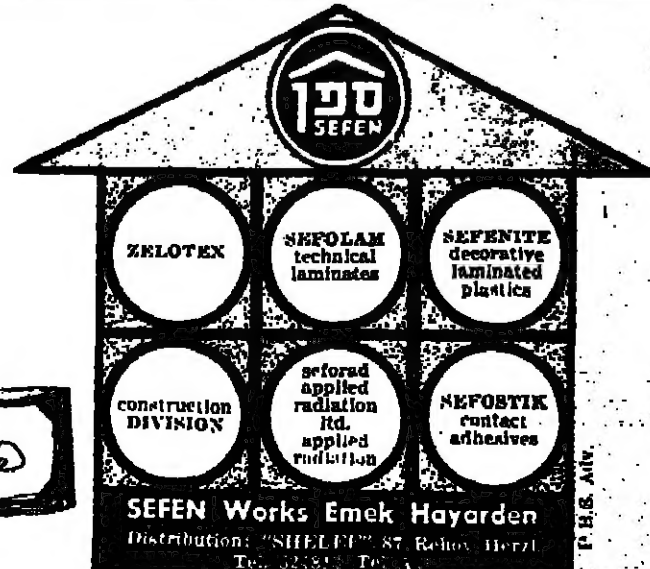


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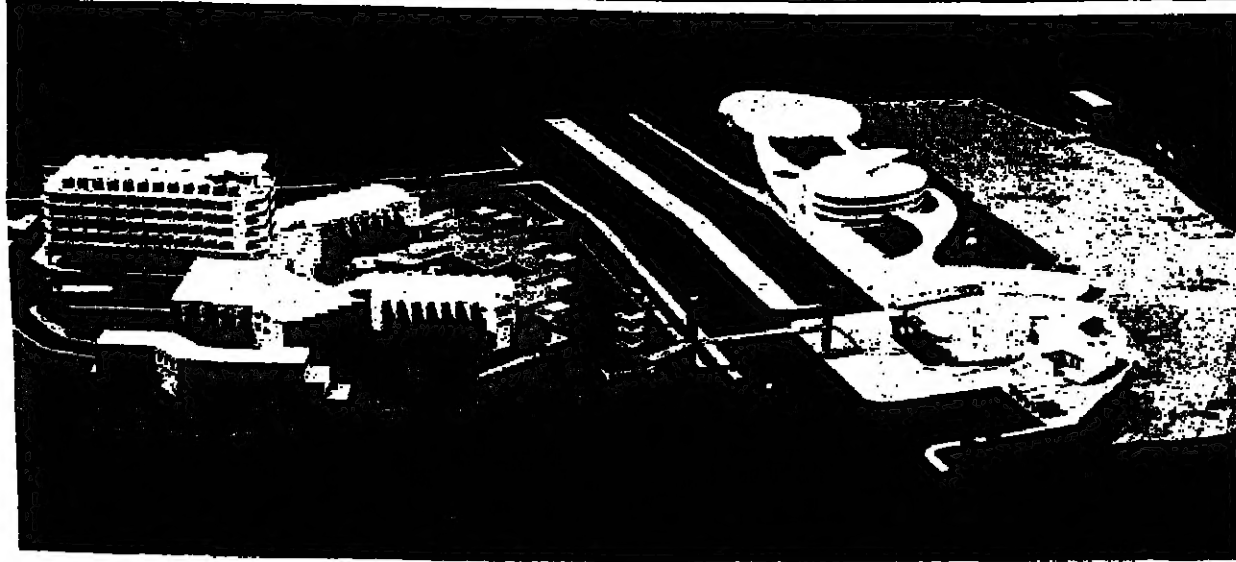
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## Stockpiling of building materials advocated

By MACABEE DEAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A call for the "judicious stockpiling" of imported building materials to avoid sharp fluctuations in the building trades during 1973 was made yesterday by the president of the Federation of Contractors and Builders, David Stern.

If reserves of vital materials such as cement, iron, wood, sanitary installations were kept in stock, the black market which results from shortages following interruptions in imports would be prevented and the building time of apartments would be reduced by several months, Mr. Stern told reporters.

Asked who should pay for this stockpiling, he said that the importers should pay, but with Government help. "If we can manage, through piling up sufficient reserves, to provide the contractors with a smooth supply of materials, the cost of building flats will be kept down. What the Government will lose on paying for stockpiling, it will more than gain by the fact that the index will not rise and thus lead to considerable savings," he said.

The Federation of Contractors and Builders was considering entering the import business to insure a free flow of supplies, if others failed to provide sufficient materials in time, he said.

He estimated that 47,000 tons were built in 1972, 4,000 short of the 51,000 needed. In 1973, he estimated, 51,000 tons would be built, compared to the 55,000 to 60,000 that would be needed.

Mr. Stern based his prediction on the need for 60,000 apartments this year on the fact that Israel would have a natural population increase of 65,000 and that at least 60,000 immigrants would arrive.

It would take 5,000,000 tons of cement to build 60,000 flats. Of these, 1,900,000 would be produced locally, so at least 700,000 tons would have to be imported. Some 250,000 tons of building iron would be needed, 135,000 produced locally and the rest would have to be imported. A large percentage of the sanitary installations would also have to be imported, he added.

## TEL AVIV STOCKS

### 1972 ends on firm note on T.A. Stock Exchange

TEL AVIV. — The Tel Aviv Stock Exchange ended the 1972 calendar year on a firm note, with big turnover. The General Index of Stocks closed at 306.59, down 0.09 per cent.

At the beginning of this year the index stood at 157.0; thus, over the year, it nearly doubled itself.

This brings to an end a very exciting year on the Exchange. Some observers commented yesterday afternoon that 1973 may also be a good year — but price rises won't be able to top this year's. During the second half of the year the market turned more selective, and this trend seems likely to continue into 1973.

Volume, on the average, was six times higher than in 1971. The average was about 11.3m. (in a few days exact statistics will be published), but it peaked sometimes to 11.8m-11.9m. Yesterday's turnover totalled 11.3m, with 40 per cent in the variables. This year the variables did an average of 50 per cent of the turnover — against 10-20 per cent in previous years. Changes in the trading system made the market more attractive.

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# Business and Finance

## HOW INDUSTRY COPES WITH BIGGER WAGE BILLS

By MOSHE ATER  
Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

INDUSTRIAL profits are usually compared with wages. Industry's ability to carry over bigger wage bills explained by the even bigger advance of industrial profits. Compared with 1968, the number of man-days worked in industry increased 2.3 times, and industry's wage bill 7.7 times, but the sales turnover increased almost tenfold, so that the average profit margin could be maintained and even widened.

However, in an article in the latest issue of "Bank of Israel Review" A. Ben-Bassat and A. Bergman show that, of no lesser importance, has been the changing ratio of industry's sales (or output) to its operating capital. In particular, since the slowdown, industry's stock of capital increased by about a quarter, while its turnover increased by one-half (both at fixed prices). The ratio of capital to output unit averaged 1.7 during 1965-1967. During 1968-1970 it was 1.3. For the capital stock added during the second half of the 'sixties the ratio was only 0.85, i.e. the increment in one year's output was bigger than the increment in capital required for it.

The reason for this is that it takes time until an asset added to a plant bears fruit, until a building or a machine or a piece of equipment is utilized to its full capacity. Major investments usually result in excess capacity, and adversely affect profitability, in the

original period, while subsequently production can avail itself of the spare facilities of the extant stock, so that the additional investment can be reduced to a minimum.

Obviously one major cause for the profitability of Israel industry, such as it is — has been the economy's rapid growth which enabled manufacturers to benefit from the so-called economies of scale.

### NET CAPITAL

No less impressive than the ratio of changing gross capital stock to output has been the changing ratio of net (depreciated) capital. The average for manufacturing industry was 1.3 in 1968, dropped to 1.0 in 1969, increased in 1970 owing to the slowdown, but dropped to 0.8 in 1971 (and probably even lower today). Incidentally, while this ratio improved in virtually all industries compared with 1968, this was not the case when the comparison is made with 1958. In food, textiles, printing, and metal products the 1970 ratio was higher than 12 years earlier, probably because rapid expansion necessitated a new wave of capital investments, increasing capital stocks at a more rapid pace than the advances in output. On the other hand, the ratio of net capital to output in the clothing, rubber, machinery and electric industries was half, and in the metal and chemical industries one-fifth, of that of 1958, indicating their advance towards viability. While in 1958 the ratios ranged between 0.24 (printing and publishing) and 6.6

(chemical industry), the 1970 range of ratios was only between 0.25 (clothing) and 1.4 (chemical, cement and glass industries), while the diamond industry's ratio is as low as 0.05.

The gross capital of our manufacturing industry was assessed at IL3,000m. at the beginning of 1971 (apart from IL1,100m. invested in mining ventures). One-third thereof was about equally divided between food and textile industries. Other major parts of the gross capital were invested in chemical, vehicles and cement and glass industries (about 10 per cent in each), with IL3,000m. invested in all the other branches. The net capital was about one-half of the gross, with astonishingly small deviations from this ratio in the various industries. The industry's net capital stock was increasing by an annual 17 per cent during 1958-1960, but the rate decreased to 10 per cent during 1961-1964, and five per cent during 1965-1969, partly owing to the slowdown, but partly because as time went on a bigger share of the gross investment was required for replacement of obsolete assets. However, industrial expansion quickened in recent years and seems to have again at least averaged 10 per cent annually.

**TWO-THIRDS**  
Machinery and equipment now account for two-thirds of industry's assets, with building accounting for most of the rest, while patents, vehicles and sundries make out about 10 per cent of the total. Rather intriguingly, statistics show that the average stock of capital per industrial employee did hardly change between 1958 and 1969 (at stable prices), though it may have increased since. This finding is contrary to what could have been expected when one bears in mind the incentives granted in this country to capital investments, and the fact that wages have been rising much more rapidly than financing costs in the above period. It stands to reason that at least to a part this stability reflects the existence of redundant labour in some industries. As a matter of fact, the ratio has been increasing in some industries (e.g. food, textiles, wood), which were thus putting labour in command of bigger lots of equipment. However, in other industries it actually declined (leather, chemicals, diamonds).

(This is the second of two articles.)

## COURT INCREASES JAIL TERMS IN BRIBERY CASE

The Supreme Court has increased by eight and ten-fold the prison sentences imposed on two intermediaries in the Amidar housing bribery scandal in Ashdod.

The Court was hearing the prosecution's appeal against the lightness of the sentences imposed on Eli Khalifa, 43, and Shlomo Amaleem, 40, by the Beersheba District Court. Khalifa had received three months

and a IL2,000 fine, while Amaleem got three months without a fine.

Both men were convicted of arranging bribes from needy Ashdod residents to Amidar officials, to get them at the top of the waiting list for flats.

After hearing the appeal, the three-member Supreme Court panel held that the punishment meted out by the lower court did not fit the crime. "Bribery is one of the worst blights that can affect a society and it must be uprooted," Justice Yosef Sussman wrote in the unanimous verdict. "A man who acts as go-between in the taking of bribes is doubly guilty, for he generally incriminates both sides," he said.

The Court sentenced Khalifa to 30 months' imprisonment, and Amaleem to two years. Justice Sussman noted the Court would have imposed the maximum three-and-a-half-year sentence were it not for the fact that both men had admitted their guilt and returned part of the money.

(Time)

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## Interest on gov't loans said to be high enough

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The Accountant-General, Mr. Haim Essi, does not advocate raising a interest rate on Government borrowings, including the Short-term Loan, at the present time.

While admitting that there is a need to offset inflationary pressures by taking more money out of circulation, he denies that raising interest rates would help. It will not increase the volume of savings to any significant degree, he says.

Speaking to pressmen in Jerusalem yesterday, the Accountant-General pointed out that owing to a link with the index, holders of 5 per cent debentures are receiving an effective yield of 17-18 per cent a year net (after deducting 25 per cent tax on the interest income).

"In real terms this is a bigger return than other loans offered in other countries," he said.

In presenting the Government accounts for 1971/72, he laid stress on what the Treasury has been doing to squeeze credit, as an alternative method of countering inflation. Liabilities increased in 1971/72, by almost IL90, as against a rise in monetary assets of IL80. The difference is due mainly to two causes — the devaluation in August 1971, which swelled the dollar and dollar-linked liabilities by IL240, and an increased use of bank and other loans to finance Budget expenditure.

The index link is costing the State a great deal of money. During the year 1971/72, the national debt increased by IL723.5m., owing just to the effect of rising prices on the Government's linked loan obligations.

**ADVANCE CREDIT**  
On the other hand, advance credit to the Ministries for Budget projects was reduced from IL218m. in 1971 to IL156m. in 1972, while payments on Budget projects rose from IL151m. to IL300m. Debt to building contractors was sliced from IL240m. to IL160m. — a serious slowdown in the practice of under-estimating excess construction at the expense of future Budgets.

"We have not issued a single Accountant-General's letter" this year, Mr. Essi said. This is a routine to pay which had in the past been used by contractors as a bait that could be discounted in a bank. Moreover, the Accountant-General has reduced this call on invoices from the Bank of Israel.

"The Government is going to introduce a bill," he said, "reducing or permitted overdraft from the central bank during the current year from IL650m. (as stated in the budget) to IL350m. This refers to long-term advances. However, we've not prevented from drawing on the Bank of Israel for short-term credits from month to month, as we have now also decreased

— by something like IL700m. during the first nine months of the current fiscal year."

The Government's foreign debt rose from IL8.8b. to IL12.8b. (out of total liabilities amounting in the latter year to IL30b.). Half the increase was due to the new exchange-rate, which increased the local currency cost of foreign debts. Actual addition of net borrowings in dollar terms was \$613m. during the year, lifting the Government's debt to \$3,038m. (To this should be added \$400m-500m. of debt in the non-Government sector, Mr. Essi said.)

Government guarantees increased by IL457m. net, to IL3,875m. The gross increase was IL1,142m., but this was offset by a decline of IL685m. in guarantees that expired or were reduced. Cost of Government guarantees which had to be made good did not exceed IL40m. since the State was founded; but Mr. Essi admits that this does not include loans and grants made to tide over undertakings in difficulties.

Foreign debts listed total \$390m. to the U.S. Government (including agricultural surpluses to the sum of \$124m.), and \$266m. to the West German Government.

**Rental housing: 'Possible only with gov't aid'**

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Rental housing cannot be built on a large scale without massive government support — not even by a firm as large as Solal Boneh — its general manager, Zvi Rechter, said yesterday.

He was speaking at a meeting of the members of the managing board of Hevat Ovdin, the Hista-drut holding company, in answer to criticism that Solal Boneh was doing too little to build low-cost rental housing for new arrivals.

Solal Boneh had built a pilot project "to show what could be done," but, being only a contractor, the firm could not build independently, Mr. Rechter said. Nevertheless, 50 per cent of the coming year's IL2,000m. budget was earmarked for housing, as compared with 42 per cent of the past year's.

Mr. Rechter rejected the policy of discouraging other building in favour of flats: "We are constructing 11 hospitals, which are as necessary for life in Israel as housing."

Despite Mr. Rechter's warning, Hevat Ovdin will devote a special debate to the issue of rental housing construction, Yeruhim Meshel, Deputy Secretary-General of the Hista-drut, said at the meeting's conclusion.

**10-15 p.c. hike in cargo rates in effect today**

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The temporary 10- to 15-per cent increase in freight rates for general cargo on all lines between Israel, Europe and Africa, is going into effect this morning. The final rates, to go into effect February 1, will be determined in negotiations between the Shippers Council and the Zim management, to be based on the findings of the Israel Shipping Research Institute. The findings have taken into consideration the higher costs shipowners will bear in 1973.

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